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### Shirkers in Congress

in session, because war in Europe has made it more than that. necessary, but if no business is to be transacted, if members are to absent themselves haunts, why saddle the country with an exlet it be done at once; if the former, Congressmen who fritter away their time in serving of discharge.

## Where Is the English Fleet?

OFFICIAL statements given out by the French government now speak of the armies" in Belgium. A dispatch from London declares that the English engaged the Germans at Mons, Belgium, in an all-day fight, and "held their ground with traditional steadfastness."

These things answer the query: "Where is the English army?" but we are still in ignorance of the location of the British fleet. This, Great Britain's pride and chief reliance, sailed from England under sealed orders shortly after the declaration of war against Germany, and has not been heard from since. That it is in the North Sea somewhere is certhe world will know then.

## President Wilson Grows

A T the outset of the European struggle we were told by wiscacres that such a conflict must necessarily have a prejudicial effect on the Democratic vote at the congressional elections this autumn. If the reasoning had been as clear as the statements were positive, the people might have been con-Indications all over the United States go to that the European war, following upon the President's masterly policy in Mexico, has That is his promise.

Cycle Cars

Opium Prohibition in China

Collection of Taxes.

On what appears to be good authority, it would appear that, while satisfactory progress is being made by China in abolishing the facts as any of his fraternity progress is being made by China in abolishing the use of opium, the decrease in the word about "tax eating." If one is a fine art, the other has grown to huge proportions. In bilizing, America was automobilizing, was as

listened to by large numbers before many to brigandage for a livelihood. months have passed. Already clerks, small - Travelers in China have told us of the

those that can afford the latter. But many are all users of opium.

The First Battle It is compared to the properties and the content of the content of

| nor the bloodiest, nor yet the most important The Times-Dispatch of the many engagements which will plunge Europe into woe before this titanic struggle is ended

It is not only because the victory of the Germans has torn no irreparable rent into the lines of the allies; it is not only because original positions; it is not only because States. their morale is unimpaired that this victory is not crushing or even decisive. It is because the spirit of the soldiers in the field and of the men back of the soldiers is not crushed.

The mercurial French are recovering from their astonishment and fear. The Belgians are still, as of old, courageous in the face of And the British? None who know insted. It's too horrible for words. the history of that island race need ask.

But let the London Times give in words enough given in actions: "Whatever be the upshot, Great Britain and her allies will face and Russia must resolve they will never surrender to Germany, but will stick to her as they stuck to Napoleon, until they pull her down." There is to be found in these words no thought of eventual defeat. There is nought even of expectation of peace through compromise. It is a declaration that Germany must be crushed.

If that is the spirit in which the British which they have waged most of their wars- tinent of the War" would be a better title. the final result cannot be in doubt. the spirit, too, of Germany, no doubt, for Germany's salvation depends upon victory, but Germany has not the reserve strength of covered it?

"Germany will now take knowledge of the Yellow Peril," says the Newport News Times-to Petersburg they throw up earthworks, and these are now concealed from the plain view of Petersburgers only by a thin body of woods of Petersburgers only by a thin body of woods. THE country will applaud the denunciation Great Britain, or even of Russia. The revisited upon absentee Congressmen by sult of the battle in Belgium is disappointing Speaker Clark and Majority Leader Under-to all true neutrals, because it means the wood. Congress, we are told, will continue prolongation of the war. But it means no of its "beat." Of course, brother; you told us

### Villa's Stand

tended session? Either Congress should be military government is undoubtedly true in dressed to the 'old darlings' came out of her in session or it should adjourn. If the latter, principle. No American who knows the his- heart. But you never can trust a flirt." You principle. No American who knows the history of Europe and the principles on which his own government is based can take issue with the statement that the national army should be secondary to the constituted government. Whether conditions in Mexico yet admit of the establishment of that principle admit of the establishment of that principle to dispute that it needs all the defending it can should be determined by Mexico herself, but there can be no quarrel with the enunciaplaces of amusement are shirkers, and de- with the statement that the national army there can be no quarrel with the enunclation of the principle at this time, and with orderly and persuasive attempts to put it into operation.

right, and any effort to defeat his constitu- dence of progress and prosperity. for him sympathy in this country. If Car- papers that counts. ranza values the peace of his country and the moral support of the United States, he cannot engage in any overt act against him.

But it is the tone of General Villa's address that gives cause for hope of continued until the greatest naval battle in the world use of force to gain his desire for the end of is fought, probably, will we know. But all military government. It is a political fight which he claims to be waging, and it is to the sentiment and reason of the Mexican people that he addresses himself. "I desire the American people to understand, once and for all," he says, "that I shall now take the part of silent moral pressure on any government that may emanate."

In other words, Villa has adopted a "watchful waiting" policy of his own. If the government seeks to establish military power and govern by it, instead of in accordance with the principles of constitutional governshow that the country feels a sense of ment, for which both Viila and Carranza prosecurity under the leadership of President fessed to be fighting, Villa will oppose that Wilson, which is the very thing we need at government, but not by force of arms. He such a time as this. Private advices com- will oppose it, as well as Mexican conditions municated to The Times-Dispatch indicate allow, just as leaders of the opposition in the

well within the facts as any of his fraternity progress is being made by China in abolishhas any need to be. For, quite apart from ing the use of opium, the decrease in the the dry statistics of the wonderful industry, no one with eyes in his head can have failed to be impressed with the increasing number of cars on city streets and country roads.

The cycle car has now made its appearance, with an appeal to those that cannot afford the big vehicles, which is likely to be listened to by large numbers before near to be impressed with the increasing number of that narcotic is marked by the other has grown to huge proportion. In splite of the most enormous assessments, tax the other has grown to huge proportions. In splite of the most enormous assessments, tax the other has grown to huge proportions of the other has grown to huge proportions. In splite of the most enormous assessments, tax the other has grown to huge proportions of the other has grown to huge proportions to reduced a penny. A proposition to reduce it even 5 cents died stillborn in the Legislature, "The taxcater is vigilant and facture of optim in China, in that it has afford the big vehicles, which is likely to be cast numbers of men out of work, who turn listened to by large numbers before nearly the other has grown to huge proportions. In splite of the most enormous assessments, tax cates have not reduced a penny. A proposition to reduce it even 5 cents died stillborn in the Legislature, "The taxcating" is other has grown to huge proportions. In splite of the other has grown to huge proportions. In the other has grown to huge proportions to reduced a penny, A proposition to reduce it even 5 cents died stillborn in the Legislature, "The taxcating" is other has grown to huge proportions. In the other has grown to huge proportions to the other has grown to huge proportions. the dry statistics of the wonderful industry, consumption of that narcotic is marked by

shopkeepers and artisans are looking for prodigies of labor that can be performed by of ward to the day when they may take the a coolie on a few pellets of opium, and all "missus" or the "heat girl" in a car of their American cities are familiar with the Chineselaundrymen, who contrive to do an amazing tor-The cycle car built for two will never sup- amount of exhausting work without much many of plant the many-cylindered automobile among apparent effort, and who, it is to be assumed,

worthy people cannot contemplate either the relatively large first investment, nor the sub- China of its dominant vice is taken for Capitol, sequent maintenance cost. For these the granted, but it is not comforting to learn cycle and other light cars speak with a siren's that opium, to whose effects the national constitution must be pretty well inured by A And with respect to city transportation, this time, is being replaced by drugs foreign we already hear of the organization of "cycle to the Chinese, which must be vastly more taxis," whose tariff will be an inconsequential injurious to them mentally, morally and 25 cents for the first mile and what the vul- physically than a substance which they have gar call a "jitney," or 5 cents, for each quar- used for many generations, and which would appear to have acquired the value of a food.

Talking about mixed metaphors, a Roanoke man remarks that if the iron heel of Euro-IT is nothing but our tendency to over pean despotism ever darkened the sky of emphasis in the use of words which al- American liberty the hand of the invader

## WAYSIDE CHATS WITH OLD VIRGINIA EDITORS

Attention of the Blackstone Courier is called to tae fact that that "Tag the Bachelor" editoria' has found its way into New Jersey and the defeated have fallen back upon their Ransas-unless it originated in one of those

> The Staunton Leader sees a silver lining to the black cloud of war overhanging Europe. Just then it pleased his fancy more Commenting on the blow it has delivered to To hug the girl upon it. Paris as the creator of fashions, the Leader sees t chance for Staunton. "Genius is not native to any clime," it says, "and Staunton may be marked out to lead in fashion plates." All editorials on the horrors of war may now be elim-

But let the London Times give in words the same answer the English have often fied entry into Mexico City." says the Petersburg Index-Appeal. "Whether he will mak that kind of exit remains to be seen." It may the outlook with dogged determination, and kind of exit, however undignified may be the spread of his whiskers as he runs against the

> Somebody has been praising a correspondent of the Charlottesville Progress, and he demands a new cap to fit his enlarged cranium. That is as bad as the action of the Germans in demanding pay of the Belgians for destroying their

The Fredericksburg Evening Journal speaks of "The State of the War." It doesn't seem to are to wage this war-and it is the spirit in be confined to any state or nation. The "Con-

that before he died.

until only a handful remain, if baseball parks and cafes and hotel lobbies are to be their WHAT General Villa has to say, in his her head. That is distinctly disappointing. We address to the American people, of had supposed that those tender paragraphs ad-

week with many improvements in its equipment and its paper," says the Covington Dis-All new arrivals to the field of Virginia journalism are welcome, but we like still better To that extent, at least, General Villa is to see one of the old inhabitants giving evitionally conducted plans by force will create quality, not the numbers, of the Virginia news-

> By the way, "Grappy" in the Covington Dispatch is cutting down his "Essence of Ole Virginny' column. Take Punch's advice-don't.

And now, we presume," says the Suffolk tain. But where, Another impenetrable peace. He expressly disclaims any wish or Herald, "It was the tariff that started the war consorship's veil guards the secret, and not intention to foster revolution, or to make that drew American gold to Europe." Of course, of course; either that or the currency bill or Wilson's Mexican policy, or something that the incompetent Democrats have done.

# VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Letters to the Editor must not be over 200 ention, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith. Write on one side of the paper, and enclose stamp if manuscript is to be returned. Partisan letters concerning the European war will not be published.

cople who wouldn't ask you to dinner!-Chris-

Them New Rags.

She was dearing an up-to-date basque, "Does it fit me?" I soon heard her asque;
And so I replied,

As the basque I espied, "Yes, it fits you, my dear, like a casque, -Cincinnati Enquirer.

He watched a schooner "hug the shore," But saw not when she won it;

To hug the girl upon it.
nd while the wavelets "kissed the beach" nd while the wavelets The hint he wasn't missing,

-Frederick Moxon, in Judge.

## WHAT WAS NEWS FIFTY YEARS AGO

From the Richmond Dispatch August 16, 1861.

The situation of the opposing forces the same as at the last report from Petersburg, things remaining comparatively quiet ever since last Sunday's disastrous operations. The Federals still hold the Weldon Road and are using all of the appliances of engineering skill to strengthen their newly acquired position. The Confederate forces in front of Petersburg having abandoned the ground which they gained and held early Sunday morning and fallen back much nearer the city, the enemy have advanced their skirmishers and picket lines. On Monday they occupied the recent bat-tlefield and threw their pickets forward to Johnson's and Davis's farms, the scene of three recent fights. Thence across the Vaughan Road and Squirrel Level Road their lines are established and undisputed.

on the Davis farm, while their pickets are easily in seeing distance of the city, though not them-

While the Sunday morning fight was going on in front of Petersburg, a Confederate sergeant recognized in a Federal major, he could plainly see across the breastworks, none other than his brother. He had once before met him thus in battle while down on the Peninsula

Colonel Robert A. Caskle, of the Tenth Vir-ginia Regiment, was somewhat badly wounded in a skirmish in front of Petersburg last Mon-day afternoon. Scouts report that the Federals have not

ing has been heard to-day from the upper Po-tomac. General Sheridan, since his retreat from Strasburg and Winchester, has been acting an oc Strasburg and Winchester, has been acting centirely on the defensive and seems more solicitous about protecting the border from the invasion of the rebels than anxious to go out and give battle to his very active adversary.

The sale of liquor without a special permit from the proper military officer has been forbidden in the city of Atlanta.

The city market accounts and the city of all of the city of all of the city of a service and the city of a service and

won praise by burning Moscow. Germans can win no praise by burning the capital of the country whose neutrality they once promised to respect. What if Brussels simply stands

Besides, such acts tempt to reprisals. It is generally agreed, even by Germans, that the generally agreed, even by Germans, that the Russian hosts can seriously invade Germany and may reach Berlin. In the gentle art of levying tribute in war the Cossneks can give lessons to the Uhlans.—New York World.

The efficeholder violently opposes the election of commissioners of revenue are to become puppers in the hand of a set in the Capitol, then far hetter abolish them and let it do the assessing according to its own sweet will.

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will.

These grand jury investigations are outrages. A criminal can't be forced to testify against himself; and yet a taxpayer is forced to give every detail of his business. Is this not bound to create resentment. To use torture will be its next move, no doubt.

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Simple when you know how," Bardison the Gremans has begun on Belgian soil. By the details of a decided victory by one side or the other. More probable, however, somewhere between the United States and the scene of conflict the information will be passed through official machinery that will modify its form and extent to an appreciable degree.—Washington Post.

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# War Makes Strange Comrades



-From the Cleveland Leader

# The Trey O' Hearts Romantic Tale by Louis Joseph Vance

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By arrangement with the Universal Film Manufacturing Company, it is possible to read. The Trey O' Hearts' in The Times. Dispatra and also to see it in pictures at the Superior Theatre. Synopus of pre-calling chapters: The trey of hearts is the "death sign" used by Seneca Trine in the private war which, through his daughter, duntih, a young woman of violent temper, he wages against Alan Law, whose father now dead. Trine held responsible for the scident which made him a helpless clove, Law laves Ruse Trine, his enemy's saughter, twin sistor of Judith, Under dramatic circumstances haw saves the life of Judith and the collapsed upon the deck, and was almost indeed in the woods.

The sale of liquor without a special permit from the proper military officer has been forbidden in the city of Athanta.

The city markets were yesterday well supplied with vegetables, fruits and meats, both fat and fresh. Spiendid beef, lamb and veal could be had for from \$1 to \$1\$ per pound. Vegetables and fruits were cheaper than they have been this summer.

THE PUBLIC PULSE

Editorial Expressions From Leading Newspapers

Punish the Pond Pirates.

Some effect has been produced siready by the food cost probes and prices have ceased to go up, and in some instances have had a sharp decline. This is excellent, but it is not enough, and the refore it is gratifying to know that the and therefore it is gratifying to know that the and therefore it is gratifying to know that the food will be save a system of the food cost probes and prices have ceased their problems. This is excellent, but it is not enough, and therefore it is gratifying to know that the food that period of distress. Such persons need to have the law laid upon them without regard to who world distress. Such persons need to have the law laid upon them without regard to who world distress. Such persons need to have the fath of they are.—Bailthore American.

Rulser's Demand for Tribute.

The vanguard of the German army in Brussels now demands a war indemnity of \$49,000,000 from that city.

Perhans when old Blucker vigure Lade.

Strange two-master Nevertheless, the end of that period found the schooner with canvas full and sheets taut, at the wheel and the demander on Monomov Point watching her curi-

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enough air stirred to keep way on the vessel, she moved in silence, a spectral ship upon a spectral sea of long, oily awells and the complexion of lead.

